

SENATE RESOLUTION 88

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mary Ann McNeil on her selection as the Tennessee Parent Teacher Association's Outstanding Principal of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding principals who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann McNeil is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McNeil was recently selected as Outstanding Principal of the Year by the Tennessee Parent Teacher Association (PTA), an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a principal, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McNeil has served with acumen and alacrity as Principal of Crosswind Elementary School for 16 exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, truly a gifted and devoted principal, Mary Ann McNeil tirelessly works to further the purposes of the Parent Teacher Association, promoting the welfare of children, raising the standards of home life, encouraging the care and protection of children, bringing to closer relation the home and school, and developing united efforts between educators and the

general public by attending local PTA unit meetings, Executive PTA meetings, Council meetings, PTA Region meetings, and State PTA Conventions; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McNeil goes out of her way to encourage parent and community involvement in school activities through such programs as Career Week, Read Across America, arts and crafts, and tutoring; and

WHEREAS, a natural leader, Mary Ann McNeil has served as Legislative Chairman, Corresponding Secretary, Parliamentarian, and Spiritual Life Chairman of the Shelby County Council PTA; she has also earned a National Life Achievement Award and a Tennessee PTA Life Membership; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann McNeil is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McNeil truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McNeil truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated principal who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Mary Ann McNeil on being chosen as Principal of the Year by the Tennessee Parent Teacher Association, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.